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Ride The West,
With The Best!

in 2012



February Dinner Ride.

We hope you are
enjoying the
New Year!
We look forward to
seeing you on the
roads again!

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Officer's Speak

Submitted by: Steve "8 Ball" Benko,
Vice President

The Holidays are over, Groundhog and Valentine's Days are done, even President's Day has come and gone. That can only mean one thing . . . SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!!!! Yes sir, it's right around the corner. This year the RMVTA motto is "Ride the West with the Best in 2012" and I'm starting to get excited already. The Ride Book should be ready. Please try to attend the March 8th monthly meeting and be one of the first to have one of your very own. With the riding season about to kick off (the Spring Polar Bear Ride is March 10th), it is very important that you give your bikes a good going over to ensure that it is ready to go. Items that you should check include the tires, battery, lights, audio and navigational equipment. Get the oil changed and get a new air filter, if needed. You should also look over

your riding gear (helmet, jackets, boots, gloves, etc) to make sure they are still in good shape. Don't forget to support our sponsors if you find that your bike needs some service or you're looking into some new/extra gear or that "safety chrome" that we all love to have. Connie and I are truly looking forward to getting out and doing as much riding as we can this season. We hope you all feel the same way. If you have any friends that ride, or may be interested in riding, invite them to a meeting or even better, to one of the rides. If you know of anyone who has ridden with us before and hasn't been around for a while, give them a call and remind them how much fun we usually have. I understand that words sometimes get in the way, but life is too short to let egos and attitudes stand in the way. Lastly, I'm honored to serve as the club's vice president for this year. If there is anything I can do for anyone to make their club experience better, do not hesitate to ask.

Persons of fun we should know:

Tom Shumaker:



Member #:
380

Next Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 8, 2012
7:00 p.m. Fay Myers Motorcycle World
9700 E. Arapahoe Road.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN VENTURE TOURING ASSOCIATION

February 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Sherrie Broderson, Secretary

President Floyd Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Visitors: No new members.... Previous member Jan Hangen returns for a visit.

Officer's Reports

Secretary: Motion made to approve minutes, seconded and carried.

Treasurer: Checking: \$ 1801.52 Benevolent Fund: \$1,522.49
Total: \$3,324.01
Motion made to approve, seconded and carried.

Membership Report: Floyd reported Linda had Cataract Surgery today, doing well.

Committee Reports

Activities: No report.

Awards: Missing Link award still resides at the Thorne residence until earned.

Historical: Still collecting stuff.

Membership: RMVTA ride books will be ready in March!! Annual membership dues, will be due at the March meeting. Pot Luck at the March meeting, everyone please bring a dish to share.!

Newsletter & Website: Thank you Steve and Paul for a good job on the last Newsletter.
Stan - thanks to Paul for covering for him while he was incapacitated with his "Tall Man" finger issue!

Old Business:

Gloria and Richard were given their MAP gifts as they were unable to attend the MAP in January.

New Business:

2012 Budget: Richard put together the 2012 Budget, and reviewed at meeting. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the 2012 Budget.

Dinner Ride February 23, 2012 to be led by Richard and Gloria

Announcements from George Barrett:
3/25/12 Sunday, Bike Rodeo at RMTAC
Slow ride competition for single riders and 2-up.
No attendance fees. There will be fabulous prizes.

Michelin Tires- New rear tire design now available (front tires not available yet).

Boasting 2 ½ times previous tire mileage.

No compatibility issues with 91 ply belt on tire.

For more details contact RMTAC.

FYI from Paul Maynard:

Honda Wing recall on master cylinder.

See Paul with questions.

50/50 Drawing:

Debbie Maynard filled in for Linda Thorne. Thanks Debbie!

Total \$ 55.00

1st Place \$ 13.00 Rip Ripoll

2nd Place \$ 8.00 Larry Gutt

3rd Place \$ 6.00 Paul Maynard

Congrats to All!

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Incentive Point Leaders

Submitted by: Debbie "Little Bit" Maynard, Treasurer
I've never seen a 5-way tie for 2nd, but the Riders have one this month!

RIDERS:

Floyd Thorne – 9 points

Steve Benko – 6 points

Brian Boberick – 6 points

Richard Bush – 6 points

Bill Gillespie – 6 points

Stan Stotz – 6 points

Paul Maynard – 5 points

PASSENGERS:

Deb Maynard – 8 points

Sherrie Broderson – 6 points

Linda Thorne – 5 points

Gloria Messier – 4 points

Stella Nicholson – 3 points

Connie Benko – 2 points

Spring Polar Pear Ride

Submitted by: Tom "Dagwood" Shumaker

Date: March 10, 2012.

We will be meeting at Gunther Toody's located at I-25 & 104th (1 block west of I-25). Meet time will be 8:15 AM & depart at 8:30 AM. Please eat and fuel before departure or join us for breakfast around 7:00 AM. Proposed route, directions and length will vary depending on the weather conditions. This ride will not go if the roads are snowy, icy, or if it's currently snowing. I will have my phone on once I reach the restaurant, so if you are running a little behind please call and let us know. 303-514-1734

“Tidbits”

Submitted by: Stella “Wrong Way” Nicholson

Happy St. Patrick's Day



What's most Important.

A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door.

Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said...

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said. As busy as he was, he kept his word.

Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time. Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture. Jack stopped suddenly...

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said. It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack

remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package "No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days" the note read. Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. "It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! -Harold Belser." "The thing he valued most was... my time"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked. "I need some time to spend with my son," he said.

"Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"

Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true.

1. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
2. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
3. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
4. You mean the world to someone.
5. If not for you, someone may not be living.
6. You are special and unique.
7. When you think you have no chance of getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you trust God to do what's best, and wait on His time, sooner or later, you will get it or something better.
8. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.
9. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.
10. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
11. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
12. Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy.
12. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

The following people have **BIRTHDAYS** in March and April:

Daniela Henn	March 21
Tim Kah	March 23
Joyce Hindman	April 5

ANNIVERSARYS:

Tom & Brenda Shumaker March 24



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

“Is History Boring”

Submitted by: Stella “Wrong Way” Nicholson

Ever wonder where “Piss Poor” came from? They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery... if you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor."

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a potthey "didn't have a pot to piss in" & were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all came the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old." Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When re-opening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night - "the graveyard shift" - to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

And that's the truth.... Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

Approved 2012 RMVTA Budget

Categories	Notes	2013	2012 Approved	2011 Actual	2010 Actual	2009 Actual
INCOME:						
Member Dues	1		\$700.00	\$800.00	\$910.00	\$1,115.00
Sponsorships	2		\$1,125.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,900.00
50/50	3		\$275.00	\$266.50	\$333.00	\$399.00
Bake Sale	4		\$550.00	\$543.50	\$440.00	\$591.00
Miscellaneous	5		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$284.00
Benevolent Fund	25		\$0.00	\$1,622.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Interest - Savings Acct.			\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.08	\$0.08
Total		\$0.00	\$2,650.28	\$4,432.53	\$3,483.08	\$4,289.08
EXPENSES:						
Membership Appreciation Party	6		\$590.14	\$571.02	\$815.86	\$889.14
Ride Book Printing	7		\$350.00	\$320.70	\$325.00	\$777.80
Newsletter Printing	8		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage: Nwsltr, Cards, POB	9		\$150.00	\$138.74	\$166.20	\$134.60
Web Site Maintenance	10	\$50.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$279.57
Flickr part of Web site	10	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$47.99		
Awards Committee	12	\$662.57	\$965.02	\$673.20	\$1,011.73	\$931.47
Entertaining	13		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ride Expenses	14		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Promotions-Club/Sponsors	16		\$100.00	\$38.05	\$308.60	\$212.51
Benevolent fund	25		\$0.00	\$1,622.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation			\$0.00	\$600.00		
Sponsor Ride Prizes	17		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
President's Picnic	18		\$300.00	\$293.92	\$405.44	\$213.42
Miscellaneous	21		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$142.59
Membership Supplies	22		\$60.00	\$59.86	\$135.78	\$10.54
Corporation Fees	23	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$10.00
Christmas Party Expense	24		\$150.00	\$149.80	\$11.75	\$0.00
Total		\$772.57	\$2,687.16	\$4,525.53	\$3,270.36	\$3,601.64
Net Income (Loss)		(\$772.57)	(\$36.88)	(\$93.00)	\$212.72	\$687.44

NOTES:	Note #:	Description
Member Dues	1	Projection / 2012: 15 Family (\$30 ea), 10 Individual (\$25 ea)
Sponsorships	2	Projected based on expected payments
50/50	3	Projected based on last year's
Bake Sale	4	Projected based on last year's
Miscellaneous	5	Sales of miscellaneous things/refunds/returns
Membership Appreciation Party	6	2011 Actual paid in 2012: Food, Beverages, Decorations
Ride Book Printing	7	Projected based on last year's
Newsletter Printing	8	Projected based on last year's
Postage: Nwsltr, Cards, POB	9	Projected based on last year's
Web Site Maintenance	10	2010: Payment for two years.
Entertaining	13	Food/beverages for meetings/excess monies from activities
Awards Committee	12	Actual: 2011 MAP Awards & Gifts paid in 2012. Maximum permitted is 1/4 Total Income
Membership Supplies and member relations	22	Cards, Cups, Sheet Protectors (Historical)
Corporation Fees	23	Annual Report; 2010 incl. \$50 late fee & address change
Ride Expenses	14	Events - none for 2011
Promotions-Club/Sponsors	16	Sponsor Plaques & Year Bars, Member Recruitments
Sponsor Ride Prizes	17	None for 2012
President's Picnic	18	2012 Picnic Ride: Food & Park Rental
Benevolent Fund	25	Benevolence
Christmas Party Expense	24	Tip and sales tax

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